(*d* & *e*) In view of the answer to part (c) these questions do not arise.

(*f*) 1881 saplings and 5680 saplings yielding 10,288 Cft.

(*g*) As far as possible.

(*h*) It has been used for fence, posts, etc.

(*i*) Nil.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know from Government the area covered by the plantation?

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI: About 111 acres.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know the percentage of trees cut?

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI: I claim notice, Sir.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know the purpose for which it was done?

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI: It was done for various purposes.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Is there any special purpose to mention?

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI: To be used as telephone posts etc.

Appointments made by Mr. Kamesam.

275 ***MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of appointments made by Mr. Kamesam under him;

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased lay on the table statement by caste of appointments made by him hitherto,

(*c*) whether any non-Travancorean was appointed by him;

(*d*) whether all appointments made by him were in consultation with the Public Service Commissioner;

(*e*) if the answer to (*d*) is in the negative, were they made with the sanction of Government; and

(*f*) if so, why the deviation in rules of recruitment in Public Service?

MR. S. KAMESAM: (*Director of Development*): (*a*) Nil.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (a) (*c*) No.

(*d* & *e*) The appointments in the Development Department were made either by the Public Service Commissioner or Government.

(*f*) This does not arise in view of answer to parts (*d* & *e*)

Mining Companies or Firms in Travancore.

276. ***MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of mining companies or firms carrying on operations in Travancore with their names and the nature of the business carried on by each of them;

(*b*) the names of the minerals extracted by such companies or firms and the quantities extracted in 1113 and 1112; and

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(*c*) the revenue received by Government from the above source during the above years?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) The mining Companies carrying on operations in Travancore are—

(i) The Travancore Minerals Co., Ltd..
(ii) Messrs. Hopkin and Williams (Travancore) Ltd.,
(iii) Messrs. F. X. Pereira and Sons.
(iv) Mr. E. Masillamani.
(v) Mr. J. L. Pimanda.
(vi) Messrs. T. A. George and J. T. Moraes.

The first five are engaged in the mining and dressing of the heavy mineral constituents, monazite, zircon, ilmenite, etc. found in the Coastal regions of the State. The last one is engaged in the mining of mica.

(*b*) The following statement gives the required information:—

Names of the minerals extracted.	Quantity extracted during 1112.			Quantity extracted during 1113.		
	Tons.	cwts.	Lbs.	Tons.	cwts.	Lbs.
Ilmenite ...	1,65,925	13	0	2,39,214	0	0
Monazite ...	3,179	10	0	5,812	10	0
Zircon ...	1,499	10	0	1,559	7	0
Sillimenite ...	117	7	0	159	0	0
Mica ...	27	5	38	54	2	94

(*c*) In 1112. Rs. 1,39,331
In 1113. Rs. 1,37,555

Travancore Minerals Company.

277. *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Travancore Minerals Company is permitted to carry on mining or take sand from private land:

(*b*) whether it has been brought to their notice that the said Company has taken sand from S. No. 630, Panmana Pakuthi; and

(*c*) whether, and if so what action has been taken by Government in this matter?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The matter is under investigation.

Construction of a dam across the Nedumonkavu Stream.

278. *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

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